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The reply brief filed 4/1/2010 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

In the "Reply Brief" filed on 4/1/2010, the Applicant correctly pointed out the typo errors in the composition comparison tables of the Examiner's answer marked 2/1/2010 related to the nitrogen concentration. Both US'233 and WO'396 do not intentionally adding nitrogen in the alloy (Table in summary and claims 1-5 of US'233; Table A and claims 1-5, and 8-12 of WO'396) and the corrected nitrogen ranges are listed as following. The trace amount N is within the claimed range of 0.025wt%N or less as recited in the instant claim 1. Therefore, the typo errors in the composition comparison tables of the Examiner's Answer do not affect the overlapping composition discussions in the Examiner's answer. The Examiner still maintains the rejection for claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vander Voort (US 4,171,233, thereafter US'233) or Bhadeshia et al (WO 96/22396, thereafter WO'396) as discussed in the Examiner's Answer marked on 2/1/2010.

The following N range replace the N range in table of page 4 of the Examiner's Answer marked on 2/1/2010:

Element	From instant Claim 1(in wt%)	US'233 (Table in summary) in wt%	Overlapping range (in wt%)
N	0-0.025	Trace amount	Trace amount

The following N range replace the N range in table of Page 6 of the Examiner's Answer Marked on 2/1/2010:

Element	From instant Claim 1(in wt%)	WO'396 (Table A, claims, in wt%)	Overlapping range (in wt%)
N	0-0.025	Trace amount	Trace amount

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jie Yang whose telephone number is 571-2701884. The examiner can normally be reached on IFP.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Roy King can be reached on 571-2721244. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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